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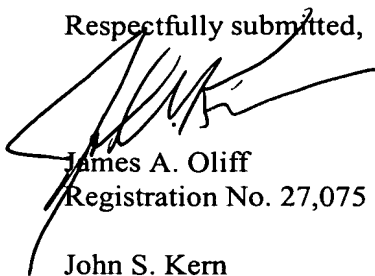
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- ☒ 2. Relevance of reference No. 3 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 4. An English-language Abstract of non-English language reference No. 2 is attached hereto.

- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 2.
- ☒ 6. Reference No. 1 corresponds to reference No. 2.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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	1	US 2002/0163766 A1	11/7/2002	EGUCHI et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	2	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS
	2	JP A 2002-329905 w/ Abst & Trans	11/15/2002	Japan		

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	3	NAGASAKA et al., "GIANT MAGNETORESISTANCE PROPERTIES OF SPECULAR SPIN VALVE FILMS IN A CURRENT PERPENDICULAR TO PLANE STRUCTURE," JOURNAL OF APPLIED PHYSICS, Volume 89, Number 11, pp. 6943-6945, June 1, 2001.

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